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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Malnutrition Stats

Q1 I am writing from [REDACTED] with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I am hoping to ask the following

Since July 2024, how many people were admitted to hospitals within your Trust or health board with either a primary or secondary diagnosis of malnutrition?

A1 We do not record if a patient was admitted with either a primary or secondary diagnosis of malnutrition. However, the following information is based on diagnoses made whilst the patient was an inpatient. This does not mean this is the reason for the admission.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with a malnutrition diagnosis – K40 – K46. For the period 01/07/2024 – 31/10/2024 there were 25 inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record. Please note these are not unique patients as a patient may have multiple admissions.

Q2 If it does not exceed the FOI cost threshold, could I also ask how many people were admitted to hospitals within your Trust or health board with a primary or secondary diagnosis of either Rickets, Osteomalacia or Scurvy? Please provide a breakdown of the number of incidents of each illness. Again, we are looking for the figure since July 2024.

A2 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However, as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency, we can band the numbers as being <5. This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Please find the information below:

We do not record if a patient was admitted with either a primary or secondary diagnosis of rickets, osteomalacia or scurvy. However, the following information is based on diagnoses made whilst the patient was an inpatient. This does not mean this is the reason for the admission.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with a Ricketts diagnosis – K550. For the period 01/07/2024 – 31/10/2024 there were <5 inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record. Please note these are not unique patients as a patient may have multiple admissions.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with a Scurvy diagnosis – K54. For the period 01/07/2024 – 31/10/2024 there were no inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record. Please note these are not unique patients as a patient may have multiple admissions.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with a Osteomalacia diagnosis – M83. For the period 01/07/2024 – 31/10/2024 () there were <5 inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record. Please note these are not unique patients as a patient may have multiple admissions.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries relating to the response please contact my office

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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